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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO  
NOVEMBER 19, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is submitted in response to a November 19, 2002 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The Final Office Action provides a period of three months to file a response. Therefore, a response was originally due February 19, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The required fee is \$55.00, and a check for that amount is enclosed. With the one-month extension, a response to the November 19, 2002 Office Action is now due on March 19, 2003. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.